should not allow that kind of a thing. So far as the general question of foreign technology and Indian technology is concerned, I am sure that the honourable Member will agree that it may be necessary at some point of time to import certain technology just to give a fillip to a certain product.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next Question. No. 123. Mr. Dhabe.

Writs filed by employees of Trade Fair Authority

*123. SHRI S.W. DHABE:†
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many writ petitions were filed by the employees of the Trade Fair Authority of India during the last three years and with what results;

(b) what amount has been incurred by the Authority on the defence of these writ petitions; and

(c) what is the number of writ cases pending in various courts at present?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Two writ petitions have been filed by the employees during the last three years 1982, 1983 and 1984. In addition, during the current year two more writ petitions have been filed. All the four writ petitions are pending in the Delhi High Court.

(b) An amount of Rs. 16,100/- has been incurred by the Authority in respect of the writ petition filed in 1982. No payments have been made so far against the other three petitions.

(c) Ten.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri S.W. Dhabe.

SHRI S.W. DHABE: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I beg to apologize because yesterday I was not present. I was held up for some other work.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is all right.

SHRI S. W. DHABE: The reply to the question given here is incomplete. I asked: what amount has been incurred by the Authority on the defence of these writ petitions, all the expenditure incurred by the Authority for defending these writ petitions. The reply given is that an amount of Rs. 16,100 has been incurred by the Authority in respect of the writ petition filed in 1982. It has been admitted that writ petitions were also field in 1983 and 1984. But what is the total expenditure incurred for these purposes? Sir, this is one Authority where workers are given a very raw deal. These people were removed from service. I have got the names Sharma, Shamma, Suresh Kumar, M. L. Jain and A. N. Bhatia. A decision has been announced in case of five writs out of six, one writ is still pending. The order of the High Court has gone against the decision of the Authority in all the five cases decided so far. They were asked to pay Rs. 1 lakh 10 thousand as arrears along with their re-instatement. Instead of paying the arreais they have gone again to the supreme Court in this matter. In Bhatia's case he also succeeded, but they filed letter patents appeal, Not only that, Sir, but some officers were prematurely retired and some officers were denied promotions. In all, 14 petitions are pending in the High Court about promotions, seniority and illegal removal. All the cases have been held against the management of the Trade Fair Authority who have no labour relations with the workers. The total amount to be paid, as far as my information goes, comes to Rs. 3 lakhs against the

arrears which should be paid—Rs. 1,10,000. May I know from the hon. Minister whether he has made any enquiries why all these cases have been held against the Authority and why such cases should be pursued again in the Supreme Court in appeal and why they are not settled across the table as is the policy in labour matters? And will the hon. Minister use his good offices to see that all matters are settled, without pursuing them in the Supreme Court, and...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Two minutes over.

SHRI S. W. DHABE: The High Court has held that it is clearly a violation of the principles of natural justice. May I know what action he is going to take?

SHRI ARJUN SINGH: Sir, I can not go into the details to see whether they have been rightly taken there or not. They are pending. But the suggestion made by the hon. Minister that we may look into whether it is necessary to pursue them, I will certainly examine.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Second supplementary.

SHRI S. W. DHABE: May I know from the hon. Minister whether they have got any labour officer or labour consultant in the Trade Fair Authority where, obviously, the principles of natural justice have been violated and that labour relations are not happy but strained. Have they got any machinery in the Department to find out whether the labour matters are properly processed and proper actions are taken?

SHRI ARJUN SINGH: That is a very desirable objective. Even if there is none at the moment, we will see that there is one.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Ashwani Kumar.

श्री अश्विनी कुमार : माननीय सभापति महोदय, अभी-अभी मंत्री महोदय ने स्वीकार किया कि आज तक ट्रेड फेयर में लेबर और मैनेजमेंट के बीच में व्यवस्था करने की कोई व्यवस्था नहीं थी लेकिन वह करेंगे इसके लिए मैं धन्यवाद देता हूं। जो प्रश्न पूछा था कि कितना खर्च हुआ है, बताया गया कि अभी तक 16 हजार रुपया एक साल में खर्चा हुआ है। तो मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहूंगा कि जो हमारे वहां पर कांउसिल है, जो कि हाई कोर्ट में, सुप्रीम कोर्ट में रहते है, कौन सज्जन करते हैं, उनको किस ढंग से पेमेंट होती है, प्रति एपीयरेंस के हिसाब से होती है या कि पूरे केस क हिसाब से होती है ?

MR. CHAIRMAN: If there is any other supplementary, please put it. (*Interruptions*)

Mr. Sukul.

SHRI P. N. SUKUL: I would like to know from the hon. Minister if there are any rules regulating the service conditions of the employees of the Trade Fair Authority, and whether these rules, if any, have been finalised in consultation with the employees' representatives' or not? If not, why?

SHRI ARJUN SINGH: The Trade Fair Authority has its own service regulations and rules dealing with the service conditions, such as recruitment, seniority, conduct, discipline and appeal.

SHRI P.N. SUKUL: My question was whether these rules have been framed in consultation with the employees or not. If not, why?

SHRI ARJUN SINGH: I do not know of any practice where all the rules are framed in consultation with the employees.

SHRI P. BABUL REDDY: The hon. Minister said that the expenditure already incurred is Rs. 16000/- My information is that the advocate who appeared presented a bill for Rs. 3

lakhs which is thrice more than the amount involved which was to be paid by the Government to all the officers. Am I right?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Have you any information whether the advocate presented a bill for 3 lakhs of rupees?

SHRI ARJUN SINGH: The answer has been given. I can find out.

'Sound and Light' show at Sun Shore Temple, Mahabalipuram

*124. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:†
DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have not granted permission for the introduction of 'Sound and Light' show at Sun Shore Temple at Mahabalipuram; and

(b) if so, what were the specific reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House. The matter relates to the Archaeological Survey of India, the Ministry of Human Resources (Department of Culture).

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I am really astonished to hear the statement of our hon. Minister that this sound and Light programme is the concern of the Archeological Survey of India, Ministry of Human Recources. This is the Annual Report of the Ministry of Tourism for the year 1984-85. It states:

"The Sound and Light shot at Sabarmati Asiram, Ahmedabad, and Shalimar Gardens, Srinagar, continued to e popular with the tourists. Both these show are being run by I.T.D.C. on behalf of the Depar.ment of Tourism".

So, these programmes are run by the I.T.D.C. on behalf of the Tourism Ministry.

Sir, Mahabalipuram is not only a beach resort, it is a treasure house of culture, a legacy of the glorious Pallava Kingdom. If it is properly projected to the tourists, it will attract thousands of tourists from abroad. When Mr. Karan Singh was the Tourism Minister, he visited Mahabalipuram and gave a categorical assurance that immediate steps should be taken to start the Sound and Light Programme at Mahabalipuram. The successive Ministers also gave assurances. But no efforts have been made so far. May I request the hon. Minister to go into the subject deeply as to why the assurances given by the then Ministers of Tourism have not been honoured? May I request the hon. Minister to take steps to start the Sound and Light programme at Mahabalipuram?

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: May I submit that in this matter that permission has to be given by the Archaeological Department. The matter is with them. I may assure the hon. Member that I shall personally look into the matter. So far as his basic question is concerned, I have my sympathy for it.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: The Ministry of Tourism has failed to take steps. He says that he has to get persmission of the Archaeological Department. What steps has he taken to get permission? Has he initiated the matter at all? You are spending millions of rupees here in the North for so many places. You are not spending that much of money in the South.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri V. Gopalsamy.